



Montana State
Trauma Care
Committee

February 13, 2006 Minutes

Members

Present: Dennis Maier, Charles Swannack, Greg Moore, Jim Bentler, John Bleicher, Joe Hansen, Kirby Peden, Pauline Linnell, Tim Sinton

Absent: Mike McGree, Brad Pickhardt, William Taylor

GUESTS: Richard Mickelson, Elaine Schuchard, , Ron Martin, Sally Buckles, Dayle Perrin, Penny Clifton, Connie Stone, Lyndy Gurchiek, Pete Lucas, Ellen Stinar, Michelle Schaefer, Twyla Gustafson, Jim DeTienne, Kim Todd, Jennie Nemec, and Pamela LaFontaine

Handouts: Agenda
Meeting Evaluation Form
Minutes November 14, 2005 meeting
Trauma Registry Reports
Trauma Rules Draft 2/2/06

NOTE: This meeting used both METNET/tele-medicine technology and in person in Helena. All meeting attendees were introduced and signed the Confidentiality Statement.

Discussion

Previous Minutes

Summary

The minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved. Follow-up on the status of a Montana DMAT team and the Business Associate Agreement between American College of Surgeons and State of Montana to allow for data submission to the National Trauma Data Bank was given.

Discussion

EMS Update
Jim DeTienne

Summary

The Executive Planning Process for budgets for the 2007 Legislative session is starting now and the EMS and Trauma Systems Section will submit their requests for trauma, poison control, and EMS funding in the next few weeks.
The State Health Resource web database update was given.

Discussion

STCC Appointments &
Trauma System Update
Kim Todd

Summary

The Gubernatorial appointments to the STCC have not been made yet. The Governor requires a minimum of two candidates for each position to select from and we will continue to meet this requirement.

An overview of the American College of Emergency Physicians study on state report cards for emergency care was given. This report was designed to motivate state and national policy support for improving emergency care. This is the first in the series of report cards to show progress in the future. Montana received a C+ rating which was higher than the national average of C-. The report is available from www.acep.org.

Trauma Rules are to be filed 2/27/06. Changes/comments to copies of rules are needed to Kim, as soon as possible.

The agendas for all public meetings (STCC, RTACs) need to have a Public Comment item and these agendas are to be posted. Please provide a copy of the RTAC agendas electronically to Pamela LaFountaine to post on the Department and Divisions web calendars.

Discussion

Trauma Registry Report
Jennie Nemec & Pamela
LaFountaine

Summary

The trauma registry report was provided. A couple of errors were noted and will be corrected before the slides placed on the EMSTS website. Issues addressed included data and report accuracy. Trauma Registry Inclusion Criteria was reviewed and will be reviewed again at the next meeting to allow for input to be obtained from the trauma coordinators & registrars at their meeting on 2/14/06.

Discussion

RTAC Reports

Summary

Western – John Bleicher gave 2 meeting updates: First meeting: Scope of practice issues were discussed & Dr. Reynolds gave a presentation on disaster medical & consequence management. Eleven cases from 3 facilities were reviewed. Second meeting: Eight cases reviewed, Dayle Perrin gave a disaster preparedness update, transfer criteria and burn care guidelines being developed following case discussions.

Central – Tim Sinton reported on the need for continuing trauma education for EMS, nurses, midlevel practitioners, & doctors. TNCC and 2 PHTLS classes were done, funding available to assist with future training, no case reviews but had an increased number of participants at last meeting.

Eastern – Penny Clifton informed the STCC there were 25 people from 7 facilities at the last meeting. The RMRTS agenda is being developed, TEAM course is being revised, care of the hypothermia trauma patient was discussed and a recommendation made that all educational course information be posted on EMSTS website. Kirby Peden, as the new chairman, sent out letters to all the ERTAC facilities requesting them to identify trauma system needs and to enlist support for and participation in the RTAC.

Discussion

Subcommittee Reports:

Prevention/EMSC
Kirby Peden

Summary

There has been a large turnover in members therefore new members need to be identified. Suicide prevention course being held in Yellowstone county with a follow-up meeting planned for June.

Bobbi Perkins will be onboard soon to help facilitate the injury prevention and EMS for Children activities.

Legislation & Public
Advocacy
Jim Bentler

Discussion held on the upcoming Trauma/EMS stakeholder meeting with a list of possible attendees given. Need to define topics for discussion. Suggestions included regional coordinators, trauma system budget & funding, primary seat belt law, central medical communication, EMT recruitment/retention and EMT practice in the emergency department. A one-day meeting is planned for June 19th & Dr. Orcutt will ask Dr. Jurkovich to be the facilitator. The jog description for regional coordinators and budgets need to be completed.

Education
John Bleicher

On April 3rd a group is meeting to work on TEAM Trauma revision with the assistance of HRSA grant funds through St. Vincent's HealthCare. The Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium and the Montana Trauma System pre-conference plans are going well. Facility trauma designation preparation will be the focus of the pre-conference. Development is being done on a Yahoo location to share educational lectures and other items such as care guidelines.

Information Systems/PI
Jennie Nemec

Addressed priorities of clean and accurate trauma data. New reports requested: transfer decision time, EMS trip reports in the medical record, and incomplete vital / neuro signs. Three more facilities have requested the paper data abstract form (Plains, Harlowton, and Cut Bank). The State continues to work on the Business Associate Agreement with the American College of Surgeons to allow us to submit our data to the National Trauma Data Bank.

Organization/Emergency
Preparedness
Tim Sinton

Brief discussion was held on the possibility of developing a Disaster Management Assistance Team (DMAT) in the State. Currently, FEMA is not funding new teams therefore that option is not available for us. Jennie has done research into starting a strike team to be used for disaster response only within our State. Prioritization and funding the development of such a system in MT remains to be determined.

Discussion
Other Comments

Summary

Discussion was held on if increased public involvement should be sought and who to identify as potential guests. Will continue this discussion.

Subcommittee chairpersons must now have a plan to meet either onsite or with the use of METNET/tele-medicine or speaker phone to meet during the day of the STCC meeting. These technologies may also be employed for subcommittee meetings on an alternate day. Subcommittee chairpersons are requested to inform Kim of their subcommittee meeting plans well in advance of the meeting.

The STCC took the opportunity to thank Connie Stone, who is soon to retire, for her years of participation in the development and implementation of the Montana trauma system and Eastern RTAC.

Next Meeting

The dates are May 8, August 14, and November 13.